TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

The University of Dublin

YOUR UNIVERSITY
YOUR EXPERIENCE

GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Ireland's No.1 University

Welcome to Trinity

Why Trinity

Situated in the centre of Ireland's vibrant capital city, Trinity College Dublin is home to a community of scholars at the cutting-edge of research and teaching. Combining historic traditions with world-renowned centres of research excellence, Trinity offers a unique opportunity to blend a rigorous academic programme with an unparalleled array of cultural, social and professional experiences. A Trinity education is not confined to the classroom. Students passionately engage in creative, entrepreneurial, innovative and charitable pursuits within the university and throughout Dublin. As part of such a diverse, intellectual and curious community, there are unlimited ways to define the 'Trinity Experience'.

Tradition

From the oldest student societies in the world - debating societies 'The Phil' and 'The Hist' - to the annual Trinity Ball - a formal outdoor festival and Europe's largest private party, the student experience at Trinity reflects the rich, celebrated history of Ireland's oldest university.

Urban

Studying in Trinity and living in Dublin go hand-in-hand. Our students learn from leading academics in the classroom and leading cultural and professional practitioners working throughout the city, just a stone's throw from the campus gates. Based in a city centre campus, Trinity students are thoroughly immersed in every element of Dublin life.

Cutting-Edge

A research-led university, Trinity is home to multiple centres for excellence, including leading nanoscience institute, CRANN, and the state-of-the-art Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute, a €130 million facility opened in 2011. Trinity consistently ranks in the top 50 universities in the world for research impact.

Trinity by Numbers

- Founded in **1592** by Queen Elizabeth I

- Ranked **1st** in Ireland

- Top world **100** university (QS World University Rankings)

- **17,000** students from **122** countries

- Over **600** course options

- More than **95,000** alumni living in **130** countries

- Historic **47-acre** campus at the heart of Dublin's city centre

- A deposit library holding over **6 million** volumes

- **40%** international faculty

- **200** student societies, sports clubs and publications

- Top **1%** worldwide in **18** fields

- Ranked **16th** in the world for International Outlook (Times Higher Education Rankings)

- Modules offered in over a **dozen** foreign languages

- Trinity researchers attract about **€70 million** annually in external funding

- Hosts **35** campus spin-out companies

- Approximately **1,200** works of art displayed throughout college facilities

- Over **1 million** visitors to Science Gallery since opening in 200

Global Communities

Mobility

Trinity College Dublin attracts faculty, students and staff from every continent. The University is committed to increasing international mobility of faculty and students and offers almost 300 study abroad, exchange and mobility options for students and staff looking for a challenging international experience. Trinity students are encouraged to take advantage of the study abroad opportunities available to them with world-leading universities in countries such as Australia, USA, Canada, Hong Kong and Singapore. Through the Erasmus Programme, Trinity students may study for a year in one of many distinguished European universities.

Partnerships

Trinity College Dublin has strategic partnerships and research collaborations that span the globe and incorporate some of the world's most prestigious institutions of higher education. These partnerships encourage research collaboration, facilitate knowledge transfer, enhance the student experience and encourage important international debate.

Alumni

With over 95,000 alumni from 130 countries worldwide, Trinity's alumni branches allow members to connect with fellow alumni in their region. These branches form a network of contacts across the globe.

www.tcd.ie/globalrelations

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North America

Trinity College Dublin has longstanding relationships with leading universities in both the United States and Canada. Trinity now has a permanent office in New York. North American students make up the largest cohort of international students studying in Trinity. Significant numbers of alumni currently live throughout the US and Canada, and the University engages with them through planned events and outreach activities. In addition to sending exchange students to top universities from California to Massachusetts, Trinity welcomes study abroad students from nearly every state in the US. In 2013, the US First Lady Michelle Obama and her daughters toured Trinity and explored Trinity's Old Library.

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South America

In 2013, Trinity College Dublin welcomed its first cohort of Brazilian students from the Science Without Borders programme. Trinity proved to be the most popular of all Irish universities for Brazilian applicants, and the students who spent their year at Trinity were afforded numerous opportunities to broaden their horizons, meeting their Ambassador, Ireland's Minister for Education and even travelling to other international universities for coursework. Trinity has a strategic partnership with the University of Sao Paulo and is actively working to expand engagement beyond Brazil, especially in Mexico, Chile and Argentina.

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Europe

Trinity College Dublin is a member of the Coimbra Group, an association of long-established European universities of high standard, and has been a participant in the Erasmus exchange network since its inception over 25 years ago. The Erasmus programme offers students over 300 options for international study within the European Union. Trinity is also a popular destination for EU students to complete their full degree, with European students making up a large number of the international student body. Trinity's collaborations at a faculty and research level touch every top university in Europe.

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Africa

Trinity College Dublin's International Development Initiative (TIDI) enables the University to coordinate research, teaching and outreach across Africa, especially in Ethiopia, Rwanda, South Africa and Uganda. Trinity has a strong alumni network in countries like Nigeria, and is working hard to increase engagement with a range of African education systems. Several Trinity courses allow students opportunities to conduct field work in Africa, in areas as diverse as development, geology and environmental science.
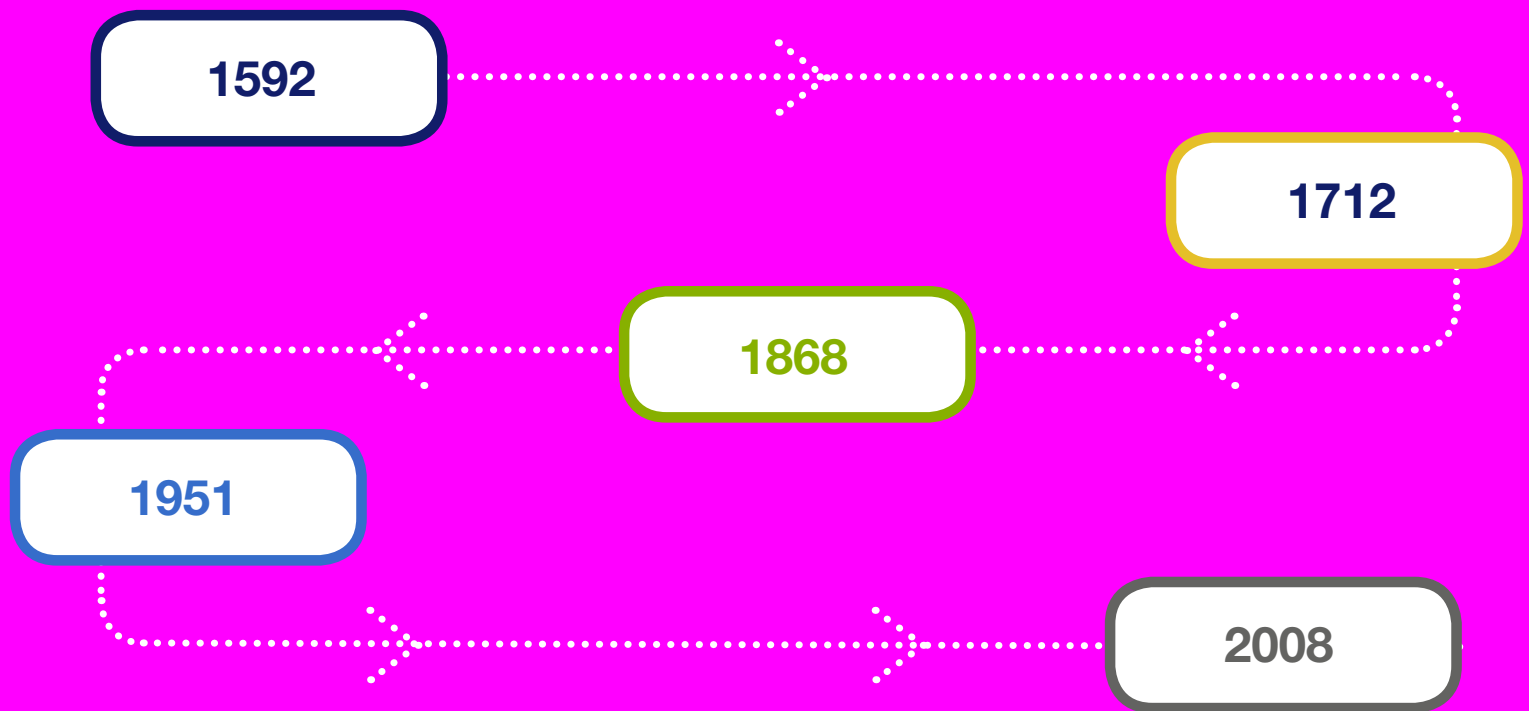
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Asia

In recent years, Trinity College Dublin has actively worked to increase research collaborations and industry partnerships across Asia to facilitate staff and student mobility. In addition to opening permanent offices in Delhi and Shanghai, Trinity offers collaborative degrees with the Singapore Institute of Technology in occupational therapy and physiotherapy. Trinity has close partnerships with Beihang and Peking Universities in China, as well as Delhi University and Lady Shri Ram College, among many others in India. Trinity's most visible presence in Asia, however, may be on the big screen. In 2012, Trinity's historic campus played a starring role in Bollywood blockbuster *Ek Tha Tiger*.

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Australia

Trinity College Dublin offers exchanges with top universities across Australia. As of 2014, Trinity offers student exchanges with Australian National University in Canberra, University of Melbourne in Victoria and the University of Queensland. Trinity has longstanding research collaborations with leading institutions of higher education across Australia and is actively working to increase the number of student exchanges there.

History & Tradition

1592

1712

1868

1951

2008

1592

Trinity College Dublin was founded by royal charter from Queen Elizabeth I of Great Britain. Dating from this foundation, Trinity's official name was the 'Provost, Fellows and Scholars of the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Queen Elizabeth near Dublin'. Over the next 400 years, Dublin grew around Trinity's campus so that today it stands at the very centre of the city.

1712

The foundation stone was laid for the Old Library, today referred to as the Long Room. It is filled with nearly 200,000 of the Library's oldest books, primarily first editions. Since 1801, Trinity College Dublin's library has held the right to claim a free copy of every book published in Britain and Ireland. Today, the Old Library houses the Book of Kells, a lavishly decorated manuscript written around the year 800AD. While students used to study in the Long Room, today most studying is done next door/close by, in Trinity's modern libraries housing nearly 6 million volumes.

1868

Bram Stoker, a Trinity undergraduate who would later go on to write the bestselling novel *Dracula*, was elected President of the Philosophical Society. Better known as 'the Phil', the society is the oldest student society in the world and one of Trinity's two historic debating societies. In fact, Bram Stoker would go on to serve as Auditor of 'the Hist' (the other debating society) in 1872. Both societies remain active in College to this day, continuing to attract patrons and guest speakers from around the world and producing award-winning debate.

1951

Dr Ernest Walton, a Trinity undergraduate who returned to teach at Trinity College Dublin for forty years, was awarded Ireland's first Nobel Prize for Physics. His work on splitting the atom, a feat achieved on 14 April 1932, set the stage for some of the greatest advancements in 20th century science. The School of Physics erected its first laboratory in 1710 and today a statue commemorating Ernest Walton stands beside the elegant Physics Building, which dates from 1906.

2008

Science Gallery at Trinity College Dublin opened its doors, welcoming over one million visitors in its first five years. Science Gallery is a place where science and art collide, allowing the public to explore current issues and advances in science in an accessible way. Since opening at Trinity College Dublin, Science Gallery has grown into Science Gallery International with plans to open eight international Science Gallery locations by 2020. The first international location will open soon in London. Science Gallery is a great example of Trinity bringing its research to the public in order to foster debate and facilitate learning.

> ❝ DUBLIN IS A FANTASTIC PLACE PULSING WITH CULTURE, HISTORY AND ART. THE PEOPLE ARE SO WELCOMING, I FEEL AT HOME HERE! ❞
>
> **BRUNO,** POSTGRADUATE STUDENT FROM BRAZIL

Undergraduate programmes

Undergraduate students choose from over 400 full-time four-year courses, covering all disciplines. These include flexible subject combinations in the Arts and Humanities, Science, Engineering and Health Science, allowing students to focus on the areas that interest them most. A full list of courses is available at *www.tcd.ie/courses/undergraduate.*

For students with multiple academic interests, Two Subject Moderatorships (TSMs) are double honours degree programmes. A listing of possible combinations is available at *www.tcd.ie/TSM.*

Trinity College Dublin encourages its students to develop skills in critical thinking by taking a course outside their main discipline. To this end we offer Broad Curriculum courses in a range of subjects. For more information, see *www.tcd.ie/broad_curriculum.*

Academic Structure
Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
    12 Schools, 22 Departments
Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science
    8 Schools, 13 Departments
Faculty of Health Sciences
    4 Schools, 18 Departments
Learn more: *www.tcd.ie/admissions*

Postgraduate Programmes

Trinity offers a wide range of world-class postgraduate programmes at both Masters and Doctoral (PhD) level. Our renowned interdisciplinary research centres and institutes attract leading researchers in every discipline, from biomedical engineering to film studies, from history to ubiquitous computing. Many of our taught Masters progammes can be completed in a single year. For more information on taught and research postgraduate opportunities see: *www.tcd.ie/Graduate_Studies.*

Research Excellence

Trinity is committed to leading global change through research, with particular focus on these dynamic research areas:

- Ageing
- Cancer
- Creative Arts Practice
- Creative Technologies
- Digital Humanities
- Genes and Society
- Identities in Transformation
- Immunology, Inflammation and Infection
- Inclusive Society
- Intelligent Content and Communications

- International Development
- International Integration Studies
- Making Ireland
- Mathematics of Complexity
- Nanoscience
- Neuroscience
- Next Generation Medical Devices
- Smart and Sustainable Cities
- Sustainable Environment
- Telecommunications

www.tcd.ie/Research

Study Abroad

Every year students from all over the world come to study at Trinity College Dublin for a full year or a semester. Trinity's international reputation for academic excellence, unique city-centre location and the opportunities available for travel, socialising and personal development are just some of the reasons why international students choose Ireland's leading university.

At Home in Ireland
Ireland has been renowned for music, literature and art for centuries. It's world-famous for its friendly citizens and warm welcomes. Hike the peaks of Kerry. Surf the waves off Sligo. Dance to a traditional band in Galway. Explore centuries-old castles and millennia-old passage tombs. Rated by leading travel guides as one of the top holiday destinations in the world, Ireland is also rated as one of the world's safest countries by the Global Peace Index.

Living in Dublin
With extensive bus routes and train lines available, Dublin is a transportation hub for exploring every nook of this unique, beautiful county. Cliff-walks are only twenty minutes away by commuter rail and the public DublinBikes scheme allows riders to discover Dublin on two wheels. Dublin offers an ideal combination of ancient and contemporary.

Learning at Trinity
Trinity College Dublin's campus is one of the only places in the world you'll find a world-class academic campus so completely surrounded by a bustling capital city. Trinity sits at the heart of Dublin but maintains a truly cohesive campus community. Busses to the airport even stop right outside the Trinity gates! From here, all that Dublin, Ireland and Europe have to offer is on your doorstep.

Learn more about Study Abroad opportunities here:
www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/study-abroad/to-trinity

Science Without Borders Initiative

Trinity College Dublin is a proud participant in the Ciência sem Fronteiras programme. Trinity admits students to its undergraduate/Graduação programmes as one year visiting students, its Postgraduate/ Pós Graduação programmes as full-degree PhD students and offers positions to Post-Doctoral/ Pós Doutorado academics coming through the Ciência sem Fronteiras programme. Applicants who have an interest in studying or working at Trinity through the Ciência sem Fronteiras programme but wish to do so not through a Graduação, Pós Graduação or Pós Doutorado programme—please contact the designated Ciência sem Fronteiras contact directly with any inquiries or questions. Trinity is happy to facilitate requests when possible.

Trinity is ranked in the top 100 in the world in:
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Sciences & Information
- Economics & Econometrics
- Electrical Engineering
- Geography
- Mathematics
- Physics & Astronomy
- Psychology

Trinity welcomes Science Without Borders students looking for a rigorous, creative academic programme combined with an exciting blend of social and cultural offerings.

More details are available here: *www.tcd.ie/study/sciencewithoutborders*

APPLY
TO TRINITY

Undergraduate *www.tcd.ie/courses*
Postgraduate *www.tcd.ie/courses/postgraduate*

How to Apply:
1. Choose the course you love on *www.tcd.ie/courses*
2. Fill out the online application form, submit the required documents and pay your application fee
3. Shape your future with a degree from Trinity College Dublin

Closing dates for applications:
Undergraduate programmes will accept applications on a rolling basis until 1 June.*
However, students who wish to receive a decision on their application before 1 April must apply by 1 February. You should allow at least 6 weeks for admissions decisions.

Applications for Medicine, Dental Science, Music and Drama Studies must be made by 1 February.
Postgraduate deadlines vary by course. Please see your course page for details.

Accommodation

There are a large number of rooms available for non-EU full degree students at the university residence, Trinity Hall. Trinity Hall is a large, friendly complex with its own Junior Common Room which organises many social activities and outings. Trinity Hall accommodates over 1,000 students in shared single or twin apartments with several different *room types*. This well-equipped residence is 4 kms from the city centre with good public transport connections by LUAS (tram) and bus. The average full academic year cost of a room in Trinity all is approximately €5,000. Video of Trinity Hall is available here: *www.tcd. ie/accommodation/StudentsandStaff/Students/TrinityHall/whyhalls*

Many students choose to live in shared houses and apartments throughout Dublin. Trinity's central location makes it convenient to a range of different neighbourhoods, all with their own distinct atmosphere. Students who have not secured housing in advance of arrival, are strongly advised to travel as early in September as possible in order to maximise their chances of finding suitable and affordable accommodation. Other universities in Dublin begin earlier than Trinity College.

More information is available here:
www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/undergraduate/accommodation

Student Supports

Orientation *www.tcd.ie/orientation*
The College runs an orientation programme for new students each September, welcoming students to campus and helping them orient themselves to College life. The week consists of everything from library and sports centre tours to social opportunities and module registration. An updated itinerary is posted online every year towards the end of August.

Personal Tutor *www.tcd.ie/Senior_Tutor*
The Tutor Service is a unique approach to student care. Every student is assigned a tutor—a professor who provides personal and academic advice and support throughout the student's time in the University. A blend of mentor and advisor, tutors assist students with any difficulties, listen to their concerns both academic and otherwise, and help them to get the most out of their time at Trinity.

Peer Mentoring *student2student.tcd.ie*
Trinity recognizes that there are times a student would rather speak to a peer than a faculty or staff member. For such times, the Student 2 Student network provides trained student mentors to assist in issues that can arise in student life.

Careers Advisory Service *www.tcd.ie/careers*
The Careers Advisory Service offers an International Career Guidance Counsellor to assist international students finding work both in Ireland and abroad. Additionally, the service offers interview and resume workshops, as well as maintains a list of available internship and work experience positions.

College Health Service *www.tcd.ie/college_health*
All students are eligible to avail of the College Health Service, which offers nurse-run clinics as well as access to doctors for a range of health concerns.

Student Counselling Service *www.tcd.ie/student_counselling*

SCS offers free, confidential and non-judgemental support to registered students who are experiencing personal and/or academic concerns. The team of qualified counsellors and learning strategists are committed to promoting and protecting wellbeing and success throughout a diverse student body.

Disability Service *www.tcd.ie/disability*

The Disability Service provides clear and effective support systems at all stages of the student journey from college entrance to graduation and employment.

Student Learning and Development *student-learning.tcd.ie*

Advice, resources, individual consultations, workshops and more are available to help students improve academic performance. The service can help with academic writing, revision and exam strategies, time management, giving presentations, motivation, critical thinking and thesis writing, and much more.

Library *www.tcd.ie/library*

The Trinity College Library has over 6 million volumes and a staff of highly-trained librarians available to assist you in discovering whatever you want to learn.

IT Services for Students *isservices.tcd.ie*

Students are provided with full IT support via the IS Services Helpdesk and a wide range of IT training is also available either online or in person.

Student Societies

Trinity extracurricular life centres on our historic and plentiful student societies, including the oldest debating societies in the world, 'The Phil' and 'The Hist'. Trinity College Dublin plays host to over 200 student societies, sports clubs and publications. At Trinity, involvement in extracurricular activities is seen as an integral part of your education and university experience. For a list of student societies, please see *www.trinitysocieties.ie*

Sport at Trinity

Trinity College Dublin recognises the important role that sport plays in a well-rounded university education and has a full range of sports facilities on and off campus. All students are encouraged to participate. The Sports Centre has a 25-metre, 6-lane swimming pool with a floating floor, a large fitness theatre, an 11-metre high climbing wall, studios, sauna and steam room and two large sports halls.

There are 50 sports clubs in Trinity College, so no matter what your sporting preference you will find a club in Trinity to suit you. You may like to try something new like rugby, swimming, Gaelic games, cricket or martial arts. See *www.ducac.tcdlife.ie* for more information on the range of opportunities.

Life in Dublin

With a fast-growing, cosmopolitan population of just over 1 million, Dublin is a vibrant European capital city. Located at the heart of Dublin, Trinity sits at the very centre of everything the city has to offer. Blending a high-energy, multinational professional culture with traditional Irish warmth and hospitality, Dublin has sprawling parks, cozy cafes and quirky restaurants for the daytime, with Victorian pubs, fashionable clubs, music gigs and theatre
by night.

Dublin at a glance
- QS Top 20 Student City
- Official UNESCO City of Literature
- European City of Science 2012
- Popular DublinBikes public cycling scheme
- Famous for local music, literature and theatre
- 5000 acres of green space, including Europe's largest urban park
- Travel hub for easy access to Europe
- EU headquarters for Google, Facebook, and many others

Cost of Living

The following average figures represent approximate living costs for one academic year and depend on a student's lifestyle and living standards. They exclude items such as holidays, travel to and from Ireland, laundry, clothes and toiletries.

Type	€
Rent, electricity, heating	5,400
Food	3,600
Books	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,500
GNIB Registration	300
Health Insurance	1,000
Total	**12,800**

Uniquely Trinity

- The Book of Kells in Trinity's Old Library was written around the year 800 AD.

- Trinity is home to Europe's largest private party, the Trinity Ball. Every year, 8000 students and alumni celebrate the end of term with a formal, outdoor music festival lasting all night throughout the College campus.

- Students are allowed to rent paintings from Trinity's prestigious art collection to decorate their College accommodation. Approximately 1200 works of art are displayed throughout College facilities.

- Trinity's unique Personal Tutor system allows students to create strong one-on-one relationships with experienced academics that go beyond the classroom.

- Trinity is home to the oldest student societies in the world, rival debating societies 'The Phil' and 'The Hist'.

- Trinity College Dublin is the only constituent college of the University of Dublin, so while students attend Trinity College Dublin, degrees are technically awarded by the University of Dublin.

- The fossilized remains of the largest deer that ever lived, the Giant Irish Deer, are on display in Trinity's Museum Building, which houses the departments of Civil Engineering, Geography and Geology.

- CRANN is a world-leading nanoscience institute, housed in Trinity College Dublin.

- The world's first seismology experiments were carried out in Dublin by Trinity graduate Robert Mallet.

- Trinity College Dublin encourages a culture of entrepreneurship and hosts over 35 spin-out companies.

Meet our Team

The Global Relations Office is the gateway between Trinity College Dublin and our global community of international students, institutional partners, academic collaborators and alumni network. As Ireland's oldest and highest-ranking university, Trinity strives to educate global citizens who will shape the world's future through research impact, study abroad opportunities, cultural exchange and international collaborations. Our office is committed to strengthening Trinity College Dublin's global profile through international student recruitment, supporting academic and student mobility, building strategic partnerships and encouraging alumni engagement.

For staff profiles, see:
www.tcd.ie/globalrelations/aboutus

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